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The fiscal health of the United States has reached a crisis point. As a member of the [House Budget Committee](#), Congressman Blumenauer is working with Congressional leadership and the Obama Administration to chart a responsible and sustainable fiscal course for the nation.

Congressman Blumenauer [has argued against the draconian approach of House Republicans](#), which ends Medicare as we know it, cuts investments in our crumbling transportation network, lays off cops, firefighters and teachers, denies medical care to children, the poor, and people with disabilities, all while it protects tax cuts for the rich and special interests. He [supports areas where Congress can pursue budget reform](#), such as eliminating subsidies for the biggest oil companies and corporate agribusinesses and by raising revenue from corporate polluters, that don't impose unfair burdens on the most vulnerable Americans and those who are charged with keeping us safe and preparing our children for the future.

**[Health Care Costs](#)** : Congressman Blumenauer supports the patient protections and healthcare reforms in the Affordable Care Act, as well as the \$1.3 trillion in savings that it provides. The law guarantees that insurance companies cannot deny coverage for pre-existing conditions, ensures that children can stay on their parents insurance until they are 26, and provides cost-free preventative care for Medicare beneficiaries while closing the Medicare donut hole. These protections and cost-savings should be protected. Low-cost, high-quality states like Oregon are a potential model for how to rein in health care costs.

**[Defense Budget](#)** : Congressman Blumenauer believes that defense spending can be scaled back by focusing on modern threats and reining in an uncontrolled and unaccountable intelligence bureaucracy.

**Rebuilding and Renewing America** : Congressman Blumenauer is a champion for federal investments in infrastructure that will make America more competitive as well as create family wage jobs.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**: Congressman Blumenauer is working to reform national agriculture and resource policies to be a greater value to taxpayers.